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Mr. Robert Steele  
Nehpi Gypsum  
1055 N. 440 E.  
Nephi, UT 84043

Re: Environmental Concerns at the Nephi Gypsum Mine, M/023/011,  
Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Steele:

On May 6, 1988, I visited the Nephi Gypsum Mine site to conduct a brief inspection. I noticed that in two places the berm located along the northern border of the site, which protects Salt Creek from the disturbed area had been breached. Erosion gullies have formed and drainage from the site is entering the creek. The areas which have breached should be refilled and compacted as soon as possible to prevent further sediment loading to Salt Creek.

I also noticed tension cracks on the road which cuts across some of the side cast slopes. This indicates future slope and road instability. You may want to look into this to ensure future safety to workers on the site and to prevent debris from sliding into Salt Creek.

Please ensure that your dust control apparatus is functional before any mining is resumed at this site.

Thank you for your attention to the above concerns.

Sincerely,

Holland Shepherd  
Reclamation Soils Specialist

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